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Dear Sirs

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I enclose two copies of my search report relating to claims 9 to 13 and a copy of the citations.

This search is in response to the two further Patents Forms 9/77 filed on 3 January 2003.

Yours faithfully

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance	
X	9 to 11.	GB 2344606 A	(SHELL). See whole document in particular figures 2 to 4 and page 10 line 16 to page 11 line 14.
X	9, 12 and 13.	EP 1152120 A	(HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES INC.). See whole document in particular figures 1a and 1b and paragraphs 0049 and 0055.
&	-	US 2002/0066576 A1	(COOK et al.). See whole document in particular figures 2a to 2c and paragraphs 0004, 0005, 0011, 0017, 0018, 0026, 0040, and 0047.

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Search of GB, EP, WO & US patent documents classified in the following areas of the UKC^v:

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The following online and other databases have been used in the preparation of this search report :

Online: EPODOC, JAPIO, WPI, TXTEP, TXTGB, TXTUS, TXTWO.